

PORTSMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
June 21, 2010

7:00 p.m. – Portsmouth High School, Education Lane

MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter J. McIntyre, Hubert E. Little, Dennis M. Canario,
Karen J. Gleason, Keith E. Hamilton, Jeffrey C. Plumb
and James A. Seveney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A Moment of Silence for our men and women around the world in harm's way.

TOWN COUNCIL
OLD BUSINESS

OB 1 - School Dept. Budget

Mr. Faucher gave an update. The Town is over the cap and the Schools are at the cap. He recommends cutting \$207,000.00 from the Town budget, to get us closer to the cap. However, we will still be \$902,000.00 above the cap.

Portsmouth School Committee Chairman E. Richard Carpender stated Dr. Lusi and Mr. Dunham have identified cuts of about \$492,000.00 that can be removed from the budget. The School Committee wants to cooperate with the Town in financial responsibilities without impacting the basic education. The cuts that they are proposing do not affect any athletics, music and arts or extra curricular.

Mr. Driscoll stated that the Council will also have to discuss how to handle the motor vehicles.

A motion by Mr. Canario, seconded by Mr. Plumb, to exceed the cap and preserve the services we have and that our charge as the Council will be to keep the number as low as possible. The motion failed 5-2 with Mr. McIntyre, Mr. Little, Ms. Gleason, Mr. Hamilton, and Mr. Plumb opposed.

A motion by Mr. Little, seconded by Ms. Gleason, to adjourn and continue discussion on Wednesday night. The motion carried 5-2 with Mr. Canario and Mr. Seveney opposed.

President McIntyre announced that the public would have the opportunity to speak at the Public Hearing on July 14th.

ADJOURN
TIME: 8:40 p.m.

Kathleen Viera Beaudoin,
Town Clerk